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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: FOSTER ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 10/046,334

FILED: October 26, 2001

FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATH
BUILDING IN A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

EXAMINER: J.A. FOX

ART UNIT: 2664

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

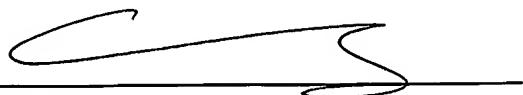
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed February 9, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6, 8-15, 18-30, 33-37 and 39-42. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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